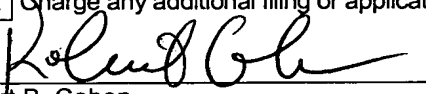
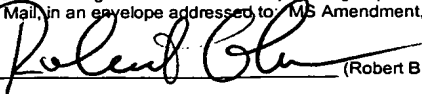




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RESPONSE

In response to the official action mailed December 12, 2005, in which claims 1-38 were held subject to a restriction requirement, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

In the Official Action of December 12, 2005, the examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 between two allegedly distinct inventions, namely:

Group I, referring to claims 1-7, 19-24, 35, and 37, drawn to DMA-transferring of packets; and

Group II, referring to claims 8-18, 25-34, 36, and 38, drawn to adding address information.

The examiner has contended that the inventions of Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept since they lack the same or corresponding special